

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shigemitsu FUKUYAMA

Serial No.:

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: CASHDRAWER APPARATUS

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Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The cashdrawer apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein

a balance weight is provided at a rear side of a cashdrawer body so as to prevent the cashdrawer from leaning forward, and said balance weight is positioned so as not to cause interference with a drawer open-and-close mechanism.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claim 4 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.

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4. The cashdrawer apparatus in accordance with [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1,

wherein

a balance weight is provided at a rear side of a cashdrawer body so as to prevent the cashdrawer from leaning forward, and said balance weight is positioned so as not to cause interference with a drawer open-and-close mechanism.